

AN EVEN DOZEN AT BOSTON PIER

FURTHER ADVANCES IN PRICES
—RECEIPTS ARE UNDER
400,000 POUNDS

A comparatively small fleet of vessels was at the Boston fish pier again this morning, an after effect of the storm last week. Twelve vessels were on hand at the opening with 248,000 pounds of groundfish, and 115,000 pounds of mixed fish.

The market was firm and prices higher on all varieties. Haddock sold for \$5.75 to \$6; large cod, \$5.50 and markets \$5.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Str. Quincy, 20,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 15,000 mixed fish.
Str. Maine, 10,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 4500 mixed fish.
Str. Boston, 16,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 4000 mixed fish.
Str. Spray, 40,000 haddock, 4500 cod, 20,000 mixed fish.
Str. Ebb, 14,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 42,000 mixed fish.
Rainbow, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 mixed fish.
Babe Sears, 2000 haddock, 4500 cod, 1400 mixed fish.
Helen M., 4500 haddock, 1000 cod, 4300 mixed fish.
Henrietta, 4000 haddock, 1800 cod, 8000 mixed fish.
Marjorie Parker, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1200 hake.
Lark, 32,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 8000 mixed fish.
Santina D., 700 haddock, 300 cod, 2200 mixed fish.

Haddock, \$5.75 to \$6 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.50; market cod, \$5; hake, \$3 to \$4; pollock, \$2 to \$2.50; cusk, \$2; gray sole, 9 cents per lb.; lemon sole, 9 cents; yellow tails, 4 1-2 cents; catfish, 3 cents.

Fishing Interests to Attend

Boston fishing interests are expected to attend a hearing to be held at the Hotel Statler in Buffalo, February 17, on a proposition by the Central Freight Association lines and Eastern Trunk lines to cancel the clause in the carriers' tariff, under which fresh fish in packages, iced, should have 20 per cent deducted from the gross weight between March 15 and December 15.

Struck Dead Whale

Captain John Boland, skipper of the beam trawler Coot, one of the arriving fleet yesterday, reported passing the carcass of a monster whale on Georges Saturday. The whale, he thinks, measured fully 80 feet in length.

DOZEN ARRIVALS TODAY'S REPORT

TOTAL LANDINGS BY LOCAL
FLEET IS 11,000
POUNDS.

After experiencing several days of a dry market, local fish dealers today received a dozen fares of fresh fish from small trawlers amounting to a little better than 11,000 pounds.

These fish were eagerly snapped up and shipped to outside markets. The fares ran from 300 pounds up to 2000 pounds, and were mostly haddock, the price of which is quite high today.

For the first time since Thursday, the fleet of gill netters lifted their gear yesterday and brought back small lifts, the total catch amounting to only 8800 pounds and a great many of them were scalers.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Florence and John, trawling, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Gwendolyn K., trawling, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

C2025 trawling, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Nephtys, trawling, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Rose Marie, trawling, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

1139C, trawling, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Rosie C., trawling, 700 lbs. fresh fish.

Sally Joseph, trawling, 700 lbs. fresh fish.

Jupiter, trawling, 300 lbs. fresh fish.

C4040, trawling, 300 lbs. fresh fish.

Helen L., trawling, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

C2146, trawling, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Little Ruth, trawling.

Babe Sears, via Boston.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Edna Fae, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Joanna, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Agnes and Myrnie, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Alicia, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Nashawena, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Liboria C., 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Alicia, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Enterprise, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Elizabeth and James, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Virginia and Joan, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sailed.

off its foundation, and warehouse destroyed. The hydro and telephone linemen were busy all day repairing breaks in wire along the highways.

Further damage was reported by the big gale in Shelburne county. The wharf at Cape Negro Island is badly damaged and boats of Gasper Perry and Stanley Crowell smashed. Ingomar reports several fish houses carried away and at Port LaTour and Baccaro further damage is reported. The stone work of the Sandy Point breakwater was carried away by the tremendous seas. At Seal Island one boat was damaged and the slip torn up. Other damage at that place is light. It is not expected that there was any heavy loss of traps west of Cape Sable.

HADDOCK UP TO \$10 AT BOSTON

SMALL RECEIPTS AND BRISK
DEMAND SEND PRICES TO
WINTER'S PEAK.

The small fleet of seven vessels that made port for today's market at the Boston fish pier found the best conditions of the winter for disposing of their catches.

Prices were at their peak. Fares, however, were small and reflected the severe conditions on the banks last week. Total receipts were 83,600 pounds of groundfish and 50,000 pounds of mixed fish. Haddock sold at \$7.59 to \$10; large cod, \$7 and markets, \$5 to \$6.

Yesterday's overland receipts included a carload of salt codfish from Lockeport, N. S., and three lots of frozen smelts, totalling 6011 boxes from Canada.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Str. Whitecap, 17,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 25,000 mixed fish.

Andover, 11,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 2200 mixed fish.

Alpar, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 6500 mixed fish.

Gossoun, 13,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 11,000 mixed fish.

Semafina II., 100 haddock, 500 cod, 2900 mixed fish.

Josephine and Mary, 300 haddock, 400 cod, 2200 mixed fish.

Lucy, 1300 cod.

Haddock, \$7.50 to \$10 per cwt.; large cod, \$7; market cod, \$5 to \$6; hake, \$5; pollock, \$2.50 to \$3.50; cusk, \$2 to \$3.50; gray sole, 8 cents per lb.; lemon sole, 8 cents; yellow tails, 5 cents; catfish, 3 cents.

LOST ROCKLAND FISHERMEN RETURN

Carl L. Benson and John Whalen, two Rockland, Me., fishermen who earlier in the week were supposed to have been lost in the recent storm, docked at Rockland shortly before 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

They were greeted at the wharf by many fellow fishermen and friends who had watched the little sloop making its way up the harbor under sail. They left Isle au Haut in the before they were able to see anything, their eyes being so inflamed by the salt water. They were taken in and fed and lodged by the people at Isle au Haut and they are extremely grateful for the many favors which they received and the hearty manner in which they were tended. They are safe in their little home now, and glad to be there. Tomorrow their little boat will have to be hauled out for extensive and expensive repairs. Their engine is broken and their fishing gear lost, including their dory, but no one has heard them bawling their luck or complaining. They surely can take it.

Lighthouse Notes.

Nantucket Shoals lightship, which was driven from its moorings during the recent storm and sustained minor damage from the pounding seas, will be withdrawn from its station February 3 and will come to the Chelsea lighthouse depot for repairs. Her place will be taken by a relief lightship, which is now being outfitted and receiving fuel oil at New Bedford. The relief lightship will sound a three-second blast every 15 seconds in place of the air oscillator with which the regular lightship is equipped.

STORM PLAYED HAVOC WITH GILL NETTERS

Local gill netters returning to port after hauling their nets for the first time since Thursday night, reported that in many instances considerable damage had been caused by the heavy sea which rolled the nets so tightly that meshes parted, floats came off, and leads were lost. While the damage will not amount to a very large sum, there will have to be considerable mending of nets before they can be of any service again.

Portland Notes

The entire fleet of Portland fishing craft is on the grounds today for the first time since last Thursday, and this afternoon, several of them are expected back in port with fares of groundfish.

Canada Competing in Boat Building.

Maine boat builders are now feeling the competition of a foreign country. To be sure there is not much boat building going on for the fisher folk of the Maine coast this winter, but a good part of what there is is going to Nova Scotia builders.

Labor is cheap in Canada and a supply of desirable spruce well adapted to boat building, is easily available. As a result the Canadian builders can build a boat for approximately 50 per cent. less than Maine builders who must pay much higher prices for their lumber and who cannot work so cheaply.

There are stories that some of these Canadian boats get over to owners in the states without payment of duty, but even if the full duty is paid the craft are still very much cheaper in price than they can be built for in Maine. Canada has secured practically full control of the lobster industry and nearly put our lobstermen out of business. Norway monopolizes the sardine industry and promises to send our sardine factories after their forerunners, the porgy factories. Now the Canadian boat builders have our native builders worried.

MAKE APPEAL TO SAVE THE STATE'S GREAT INDUSTRY

Fishermen Give Testimony to Ruin Caused by Importation of Fish— Believe Uncle Sam Should Aid

(Special to the Times.)

State House, Boston, February 2.—

The sacred cod and kindred members of the finny tribe appealed to the Committee on State Administration to save the fish industry from utter oblivion in Massachusetts.

Tales of men financially ruined by the continued descent of the price of fish foods were told to the committee members.

Principally, it was agreed by the proponents of the measure, which provides for the advertising of fish foods by state departments and other methods for increasing the use of fish, the fishermen are being ruined by competition from the Dominion to the North and Japanese fishermen.

Fishermen Give Testimony.

Scores of practical fishermen crowded the committee room to give testimony regarding the decadence of the industry or to give moral support to the arguments of their leaders.

Capt. Val O'Neil appeared as one of the proponents and told of losing his all in the business—\$35,000 in cash and his boat as well.

Among the principal speakers for the measure were John T. Scully, executive secretary of the Industrial and Development Commission; Frank S. Davis, manager of the Maritime

Association of the Boston Chamber of Commerce; Mayor John E. Parker of Gloucester; Edward H. Cooley, manager of the Massachusetts Fisheries; Representative Harold B. Webber of Gloucester; Robert J. Pratt, representing the Massachusetts State Federation of Labor; Charles F. Dutch, counsel for the Fishing Masters Association and Christopher J. Halligan, Jr., member of the firm of O'Hara Bros, fish dealers.

All witnesses agreed that promotional propaganda by the state is necessary to save the industry from extinction.

Mr. Cooley said that one cause of the decline is the depreciated currencies of other nations, which make the United States today practically a free trade country.

Federal Government Should Aid.

The various speakers agreed, in reply to committee questions that the federal government should take some action in the direction of evening up the difference in cost of imported fish, through the assessment of added cost for depreciated currencies.

Capt. O'Neil said he stayed in business until he could no longer provide food and clothing for his men and predicted the failure of other ship captains very soon unless some means is quickly found to aid them.

No opposition appeared and the hearing was closed.